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MARRIAGE.—Full information can be

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"So you put out the fire?"

AT DAY'S PROGRAMMER.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

There must be some thousands of happy yet anxious people in the kingdom who will feel deep obligation to

deans, Russell, Watson, and Viney for securing "The District Councils' Diary and Guardians' Manual." Among the new electors took a great interest, wholly unversed in the duties they will have to discharge, and this excellent compilation will come to such as quite a godsend by reason of the full and detailed information it supplies.

Thought by some of those who copy by E. Cuthell, and "Blood is Thicker than Water" (Tower Publishing Company), by G. Danvers, are readable actions, but that is all. Infinitely better money's worth is supplied by The Constitutional Club Book, which contains a series of lectures both in value and in size every year. Without any question, it is the most comprehensive year-book now published; it is issued by the Conservative Central Office, St. Stephen's Chambers, and also by Messrs. Blackwoods. We must borrow a word of praise on "Strong's Bromley Directory for 1895," by reason of its being quite a model of what a suburban directory ought to be. Both printing and paper are of the best.

The Criminal Chamberlains' Office containing specimens of their numerous magazines and other periodicals. We must content ourselves with passing a general verdict of approval, particularly marked in the instances of " Cottage Gardening," "Work," and "Chums."

INSANE.

As the Central Criminal Court, Richard Hall, an ex-high sheriff of Berks, and to be well contented, surrendered to answer a certain serious charge.—Mr. C. F. Gill, who was called forward by the Crown, was unfit to plead. A number of medical gentlemen, who are experts in cases of insanity, considered that Richard Hall, prisoner was suffering from senile decay, and could not understand the gravity of the situation in which he was placed or the nature of the proceedings before him. Under circumstances the jury found he was insane, the Recorder ordering him to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

BOXING COMPETITION.

In the case of Maurice Winters, Esq. described as an engraver, who stood indicted for assaulting George Thomas Dunning, and George Hinde, Robert Watson, Henry Jacobson, George Thomas Dunning, and Edward Gibson, four persons who were charged with abetting the commission of the offence, the Grand Jury, at the Central Criminal Court, threw out the bills.

WHY MEN DON'T MARRY.

This is the subject discussed under the title of "Celibacy and the Struggle to Get On," in "Blackwood's Magazine." The writer takes issue with those who would have men marry the "in de die," young man, and found him guilty of things unutterable. He contends that the worst thing that can happen to a young man is that he never marries, they ever were, and the sole cause and end of their offending is that they don't marry as early and often as they used to do. Even if the proceeding is to consider these circumstances encountered in making a living. In an exhaustive article the writer covers the whole ground of professional and commercial occupations, showing how inadequate are the earnings to maintain the social position required by those engaged in the more respected line of bread-winning. An educated gentleman naturally desires for a wife a woman of culture and refinement, and such a woman cannot be had without a corresponding sacrifice of her own life. She has to think herself down to the level of the lowest of the poor. The question he thinks narrows itself down to the fact that civilized society does not export a man to marry his wayward wife, and she, and must none find that it takes all their efforts to support themselves.

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aw, and pledge ourselves to do our utmost to defeat such a measure." We regret that this resolution was unanimously adopted in spite of the arguments of Mr. [Name], a Scotch delegate, who pointed out

forcibly that under a system of compulsory arbitration an employer would be compelled to produce his accounts whenever a dispute arose between him and his men, and that the latter, and the public as well, would be able to form a sound judgment as to

justice of his case. The tone of the
ers, however, showed plainly that the
ple of arbitration finds exceedingly
favour in the eyes of the Miners' Fede-
. That, indeed, might be inferred from
their sending me in which the Board

...on the previous day, alluded to the
...of Lord Shand as an arbitrator.
...ntly the members of the Federation
...the impartiality of any board that
...be likely to be appointed. We are,

Thus, one delegate laid it down that

ought to be a fixed living wage in the
industry, beneath which the masters
not go." And, again, another speaker
stated the doctrine that the price of coal
regulate the rate of wages as being
man." When men approach the sub-

the frame of mind indicated by such
visions as these it is pretty clear that
will prefer to try conclusions with their
peers whenever differences may arise
than to consent to a policy of give-and-
take on the lines suggested by a board of ar-

tion. But are we to believe that sensible men really hold it to be "inhuman" on the part of a coalowner to refuse, for instance, to risk his collieries at a loss to himself in that his men may enjoy a certain rate of pay? Yet that is what the contention is.

On the other hand, it would be pre-
the work of a board of arbitration to
igate the truth of a plea of poverty put
by an employer to justify a reduction
res or a refusal to accede to a demand

part of the men for an increase. If men have a fair case against their employers on any given occasion, they need not, as convinced, be afraid that they will receive fair play at the hands of a State-constituted board of arbitrators. The demer-

institutions of the country are a sufficient guarantee that public opinion would permit such an abuse of justice. We, therefore, regret that the Miners' Federation have, in effect, rejected the principle of arbitration in favour of the barbarous

MAN SHOT IN GLASGOW.
Mysterious shooting case is reported Glasgow. On Thursday, while Archibald Callum, a boiler-maker out of em-

ent, was entering his home in
son-street, James Kirk, a shoe-maker,
ighbour, fired at him from a dark lobby.
tum fell, shot in the back, and Kirk
arricaded himself in his house. The
were soon on the scene, but some time

Dr. Mackie, who had been called, then dashed through and grappled with Kirk, presented a revolver loaded in five chambers at him. With the aid of constables Kirk was disarmed and taken to the station. McCallum was removed to

It appears that Kirk, who had been injured, had a grudge against M'Callum and wife. Kirk was brought up at the police station on Friday and remanded. A later report states that M'Callum has rallied.

EXTRADITION CASE.
Bow-street, Max Pfeiffer was brought
Det.-sergt. Hegner, of Scotland Yard,
and with fraudulent bankruptcy. Pri-
had been arrested in Glasgow by Det.
Isle of the local police and by him

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

General Criminal Court, the trial was summed up by Edward Middleton Richards, 30, shipbroker, George Errington, accountant, on an indictment charging them with a conspiracy to obtain £300 from the Park Steamship Company, and concluded. The defence was that by a pretence that a company called the Park Steamship Company had been registered and was about to purchase the Windsor Park

up at Holyhead, the command of which should be left to Capt. James, the prisoners induced the Government to pay £200 as security for his appointment, which, however, he never obtained.—The jury found the prisoners guilty.—Mr. C. F. Gill, on behalf of the Government, applied for a postponement of sentence to the next sessions, in order that Capt. James

receive compensation, as it was the intention of donors to repay the whole of the money.—The court postponed sentence.

PRINCE'S STRANGE CONDUCT.
 The Central Criminal Court, Isabella Hucker, 16, St. George's street, was indicted for attempting to murder Prince of Wales. — Mr. De. Mich. 11, 1884.

of satisfaction.—Mr. de Arceuil, who presided at the case disclosed very cruel treatment of the prisoner towards a little girl, four or five years, the daughter of a Mr. Kirk, a rioter, of Weybridge, Surrey, in whose service she had been as nurse some weeks. The girl assaulted the child previously, and the mother quarrelled with her, and the prisoner promised to

ludly in the future. The child slept in the room as the prisoner, and on the day of the trial, a swelling was noticed on the side of the head. Later on the mother inquired for the child and the prisoner then said that it was in the box. Understanding what the girl meant, the mother sought assistance, and on going to her room a box was

The dog looked. It was forced open, and in the child was discovered, in an almost suffocated position. It had a wrapper tied round the neck, and evidently been put over its mouth. The reason for the prisoner locking the child in was that it had complained to its mother of being having whipped her. The accused did not deny the charge of putting the child in the box.

found the prisoner guilty of causing grievous harm to the child.—The assistant lady superior of a house from which the prisoner was sent Kirk, said that the prisoner was regarded as a naked and silly girl, but she showed no symptoms of insanity.—The Common Serjeant deferred for the report of the prison doctor with re-

the state of the mind of the prisoner.

KENSINGTON MURDER.
TRIAL POSTPONED.

The Central Criminal Court on Friday, before
Justice Lawrence, in the case of Reginald Saun-
der, indicted for the murder of Augusta Dawes,
appearing for the accused, said this was a

ch. subject to the approval of the court. Very desirable should not be tried this session. The Treasury did not desire the case to go to the Judge: And do you acquiesce?—Mr. Gill: I desire that course, and that the prisoner be sent over until next session without being upon to plead.—The Judge: Very well, the

verdict of temporary insanity was re-
at the inquest on the body of James
gunner of the "Thunderer," who
nd in his cabin with a gunshot in his

Field, a well-known Yorkshire half-back-captain of the Wortley Club, has been taken to the Leeds Infirmary from injuries received at Holbeck Station on Saturday last. He was attempting to enter a train that was moving off the station, when he missed his

and falling between the train and
platform sustained such severe injuries
that the first his case was regarded as
fatal. He was single and was 33 years of

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The Manchester Ship Canal traffic for last week shows 30 arrivals and 30 departures. An expedition to the South Pole will soon be sent out from Belgium.

In 1863 the French Government ordered several lighthouses to be lighted by electric light.

The sum of £70,000 marks has been raised towards the construction of a fixed bridge across the Rhine at Bonn.

The sound of a bell which can be heard 45,000 ft. through the water can be heard through the air only 450 ft.

The East London Church Fund received, during the past week, £100 from Lord Salisbury, and £400 from Mr. C. Morrison.

During his present term of office as Justice of the Peace, Squire Jacob Kiser of Gaston (North Carolina), has married 173 couples.

Lord Halsbury has accepted an invitation to visit Llandudno to address a meeting on the 23rd inst.

A Missouri man is said to have obtained more than 1,000 types of pumpkins by crossing the flowers of one kind with the pollen of another.

A curiosity arrived in Baltimore on a ship recently from Hong Kong. It was a "chow" dog—said to be the kind the Chinese raise to be eaten.

A gigantic camellia is growing near the royal castle at Pillnitz, near Dresden, Germany. The tree is 24 ft. high, and produces annually at least 50,000 blossoms.

In Florence the Salvation Army has pitched its camp in the Palazzo Rucellai in the Via de' Berraghi, once belonging to the Medici. The authorities oppose the work.

The reading of romances is forbidden by the Koran; hence popular tales are never put in writing among Mohammedans, but are passed from one story-teller to another.

Nearly all the comic vaudevians found in almost every part of the civilized world are made in Wiesbaden, where the work goes on from one end of the year to the other.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has conferred the vacant prebendal stall in Wells Cathedral upon the Rev. J. E. Vernon, rector of St. Andrew, Bridgwater.

The Earl and Countess of Powis have presented a book of lectures to Lydney parish church, as a thank-offering on Lord Clive's attaining his second birthday.

Mr. Hubert Hall, F.S.A., a senior clerk in the Public Record Office, has been appointed honorary secretary of the Royal Historical Society, in succession to the late Mr. Patrick Edward Dove.

The value has been sworn at £249,945 of the personal estate of Mr. Richard Kidston, of Halesworth, N.B., and of the firm of William Kidston and Sons, merchant, who died on the 13th inst.

Out of 4,000 workers in the sulphur mines in Sicily who were examined for the army last year, 200 could pass muster. Does not this stamp the occupation as the most unhealthy known?

Mrs. Omer, widow of the paragon of the Erebos, who died recently at the age of 85, was the last survivor of the women widowed by the loss of Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition.

In Court circles in Rome it is rumoured that the Emperor of Germany will go to Italy during the last portion of the great manoeuvres that are to take place in the vicinity of Rome.

Gas lamps were introduced in the Paris streets in 1819. Their employment caused no little remark among the country people, who got an idea that there was some magic about the matter.

Nero gave 400,000 for Cato's purple robe; Cicero's citron table was sold for £750; the habit which Charles XII. wore at Pultowa was sold for £22,000; the cup of Napoleon was sold for 37 guineas; his Egyptian sabre fetched 15 guineas; and the hat which he wore at Eylau was sold, against 32 bidders, for £75.

The Sultan of Turkey has been the means of establishing 50,000 schools throughout his Empire, not only for boys, but for girls also. He rises at six o'clock every morning, and devotes his days to the seclusion of the Yildiz Palace and Gardens to personal attention to all the affairs of state laid before him by his Ministers.

Dr. Bendix has just reported to the Berlin Physiological Society some experiments in which a number of children between one and two years old were fed with fresh milk and white bread and others with sterilised milk and bread. The nutritious portion seemed to be extracted by the digestive organs from the sterilised milk quite as completely as from the unsterilised.

One of the most destructive fires that has visited Toronto for many years past broke out in that city early the other morning. The flames were not got under control until every building on either side of Melinda-street from Yonge to Jordan-streets had been entirely consumed, only the bare walls being left standing. The total loss is estimated at £250,000.

The Portland Vase, now in the British Museum, cost 1,000 guineas. It is Greek, but was found about 1650, in a sepulchre near Rome. It is 10 inches by 6, and is of glass, with figures in relief, in opaque white, and the ground is dark blue. The figures, as well as those on cameo, were formed by cutting away a crust of white opaque glass. The design is taken from the Elysian Mysteries.

Some months ago a Murmur and a Munich Comedienne, though not without some tumult, set up and played a memorial to King Ludwig II. But the memorial was not put for, and so the comedienne coolly went to the Prince Regent, with the request that the deficit of 4,000 marks might be defrayed by his Royal Highness. The Prince Regent at once agreed to the request.

During the past year 25 commissions from the ranks of the Army to second lieutenancies were gazetted, being an increase of nine over the previous year. These promotions are not all those of pure "rankers," the majority of them being young gentlemen who have failed at competitive examinations, and have subsequently enlisted and risen through the various ranks up to sergeant, and then been recommended for commissions.

An instrument for detecting the presence of escaped gas has been placed on the market, and is claimed to do its work safely and effectively. It contains an air column, the length of which is measured by the amount of air necessary to produce a musical note of standard pitch, and as the length of the column depends upon the density of the air, the presence of the gas is shown by a difference in the sound.

The astonishing and inhuman possibility of building up living animals from parts of several animals has been demonstrated by Dr. C. Born, a German physiologist. The experiments were made with tadpoles and other larvae of amphibians. Each of these was cut in two, and the two parts were placed together in various ways, when some of them united, the hinder more readily than the fore parts. Two hinder parts, each with or without a heart, united in 24 hours, the monstrosity living and growing for a week or more.

The first Greek writers were Homer and Hesiod, 1000 B.C.; and Thucydides and Archilochus in 700; and Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides in 600. The first Latin writers were Plautus, Ennius, and Terentius, in 200 B.C. The first British, Gildas, Neannius, and Bede, in 600 and 700 A.C. The first German, Einhard, Wallrafius, and Rabanus, in 800 A.C. The first French, Fort, Gregory, and Marfale, in 900 A.C. The first Spanish, Anian, Fulgentia, and Martin, in 500. The first Polish, Karolof and Nestor, in 1000. The first

Italian, Gratian, Falcond, and Campanus, in 1100.

It was four degrees colder at Nice on Monday than in London.

In 1705 the Haymarket was built, and in 1733 Covent Garden.

The Opera House was burnt in 1789; Covent Garden, September, 1806; and Drury Lane, February, 1809.

Port is produced chiefly in Upper Douro, and is mixed, for exportation, with 23 per cent. of spirits of wine.

Mr. Kenehan Digby, the new Permanent Under Secretary of State, took up his duties at the Home Office on Monday.

In 1833 there were nearly 3,000 bobbinnet machines in Flanders and France, producing 11,000,000 yards per annum.

The law of 1824, setting employments free, was the basis of our manufacturing system, and of universal competition.

A series of reports from her Majesty's representatives in certain foreign countries on prison labour has been printed for presentation to Parliament.

The recumbent posture of opulent Greeks and Romans at dinner was called Accubation. They laid two or three on couches, and fed with their right hand.

Charles I. paid £10,000 for three portraits, Van Dyck £20 and £25 each for several, £100 for a large one, and £444 for nine. He gave £3,000 to Rubens for several.

Sir Frederick D. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Thames Conservancy Board, in the place of Admiral Sir J. Nicholson, who resigned.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P., who has been engaged in the United States since October on a political lecturing tour, has returned to Ireland.

The remains of the late Mr. Alexander Kerr Moore of the "Morning Post," were interred at Highgate Cemetery, the funeral being largely attended by relatives, private and professional friends, and colleagues.

Thus the Kaiser to Prince Bismarck:—"I hope, honoured Prince, during 1895 you will fully recover from the bitter loss with which you were recently afflicted, and you will continue in good health and spirits."

The Archbishop of York has completed his task of visiting all the six hundred parishes in his diocese. The Visitation has occupied three years. Many of the parishes had not been previously visited by a Prelate within living memory.

"Science Stiftings" states that Professor Bell is at work on the problem of producing a miniature photograph of the speakers at each end of the telephone wire. He believes it possible to see people hundreds of miles apart by means of electricity.

Reverend Mr. Locks, who has been in Paris, every public place where people gather is infested with them. All the women have children on their arms. They stick to the passers-by with tormenting tenacity, crying, "I'm hungry," or "A son to buy bread."

High Laver Church, Essex, the last resting-place of John Locke, has fallen into a dilapidated condition, and an effort is being made to raise a fund for its restoration. The tomb and monument to the philosopher will be restored at the same time.

A man, well known on the Manchester Exchange, had been bitten by a mad dog from the bite of which five other persons died—had one of the dog's fangs, after the animal had been killed by a policeman, mounted as a scarf-pin.

The War Office has established a recruiting office in South London in the New Kent-road, to take the place of the offices previously existing in Bermondsey and the Blackfriars-road. The establishment is chiefly intended to raise men for the Queen's Royal West Surrey and East Surrey Regiments, whose depots are at Guildford and Kingston.

Aerated bread or bread raised by using water charged with carbon dioxide instead of yeast was devised by a Scotch physician in 1859, and is said to have been popular in England for a score of years, although attempts to introduce it into America have utterly failed. In London alone 83 stores, with over 1,000 operatives, supply it.

The enormous size and massive structure of the native houses is among the recent surprising discoveries of explorers among the villages—inhabited by numerous warlike tribes—scattered along the streams of New Guinea. Houses 300 to 400 feet long and 100 feet high, among the largest in the world, are to be met with.

The Mayor of Windsor, in compliance with a numerously-signed requisition from the residents of the district, has decided to hold a meeting at the Windsor Guildhall on the 30th of this month, for the purpose of considering the measures to be adopted for the prevention or amelioration of the serious floods which are occasionally experienced in the Upper Thames Valley.

A rainmaker in India has an apparatus consisting of a rocket capable of rising to the height of a mile, containing a reservoir of ether. In its descent it emits a spray of ether, which causes it to come down slowly. The ether is thrown out in a fine spray, and its absorption of heat is said to lower the temperature about it sufficiently to condense the vapour and produce a limited shower.

The subject of the Gold Medal Essay for 1895, by the Royal United Service Institution, will be "In view of the changes which have taken place in the composition of Fleets during the present century, what system of training, entry, and distribution is best calculated to ensure an efficient body of officers and men of all branches for peace and war?"

Mr. Walter Herries Pollock will preside at the second meeting of the Winter Session at the Society of Arts Rooms on Friday next, when Mr. Sidney Thomson will read a paper on "Musical Criticism." Ladies and gentlemen interested in the subject may apply for admission to Mrs. Jack Johnson, hon. secretary of the society, Hastings House, Norfolk-street, Strand.

Great satisfaction has been experienced in the Lower South Wales counties by the decision of the Home Secretary, after investigation, to remit the latter part of three months' imprisonment to which Margaret Lewis, known as the Welsh thief-martyr, was sentenced about the middle of November by the Cardiffshire Justices, for alleged cruelty to a cow and calf. Mrs. Lewis is 70 years old, and still pleads innocence of the offence.

Emigration returns issued by the Board of Trade show a very large falling off in departures from the United Kingdom during 1894. The passengers who left our shores for places out of Europe during the 12 months numbered 227,170, as against 317,633 in 1893. The total of the British numbered 100,663, the Scotch 14,213, and the Irish 41,930, the remainder being foreigners, or persons whose nationality had not been distinguished.

Much damage was done to jewellery in the shop of Messrs. Fattorini and Sons, Kirkcaldy, by a runaway horse, which, dashing down the main window, smashed through the inner and outer windows of the main window-frame of the shop, scattering gold and silver watches and diamond jewellery in all directions.

A young lady assistant in the shop was somewhat injured, and the driver of the horse was considerably shaken by being thrown from his seat into the road.

Recently there has come into the possession of the Wesleyan Book Room officials at City-road, London, some valuable early Methodist literature. Amongst others the authorities have just acquired by purchase a MS. book of sermons, bound in vellum, by the well-known commentator, and next to John Wesley the greatest Methodist preacher of his day, the Rev. Dr. Adam Clarke. The volume contains 106 sermon notes. The book was given years ago to an English clergyman, who having made good use of it in his own

parish has just sold it to the Wesleyan book store.

Signor Rossmanna, the recalled Italian Ambassador, has left Paris for Rome.

Certain parts of the hippopotamus's hide attain a thickness of two inches.

The Queen has a great dislike to new dresses of any kind. She becomes quite attached to dresses which she has worn many times.

The Prince of Wales has consented to open the International Railway Congress at the Imperial Institute in the first week in July.

It is proposed to present Lord Rosebery with the freedom of the borough of Cardiff on the occasion of his visit.

The average fool-bird in prison gets more Divine service in three months than the average righteous man gets in three years.

On the west coast of Africa the taxes assessed by the petty kings are payable in palm oil and ivory.

A piece of iron was found in an air passage of the Great Pyramid which has been there since 3700 B.C.

A Cardiff paper states that the Queen has more Welsh than English or Irish blood in her veins.

A veteran cab-driver says that with decency fares and civility the cabman of London might make a lot more money than they do.

Sir W. Harcourt has written to the London Trades Council declining to receive a deputation on the subject of the grievances of Government employees.

The proportion of killed to the number of rescued travellers in France was 1 in 19,000,000, England one in 28,000,000, and in the United States one in 2,400,000.

Miss Bayley, of Dudley, is one of a number of ladies who have been appointed by the French Ministry of Public Instruction to teach English in training colleges in France.

Mr. J. V. Miller, Lord Salisbury's chief adviser, has been elected chairman for both the Board of Guardians and the District Council of the rural districts of Hatfield.

Lady Gordon Cathcart, who takes an active interest in the manufacture of some-pur cloths, is about to open a depot for the sale of tweed in the Strand.

A commercial clerk, of 8, Crossley-street, Liverpool-road, was found dead in bed from the effects of an overdose of chloroform.

A youth named McGuire has been arrested in Glasgow on a charge of attempting to murder the warder of a lodging house, who had stabbed him. The man was stabbed in the neck, lies in a critical condition.

The draft of the proposed scheme for the municipalisation of the liquor trade in Aberdeen has been approved by the Bills Sub-committee of the local authority for promoting municipalisation of the liquor trade.

Mr. J. M. Livett, Precentor of Rochester Cathedral, has been appointed to the living of Waterbury, Kent, vacant by the death of the Rev. S. W. Phillips. The living is the gift of the Dean of Rochester, and is worth £600 a year.

The vicar of New Malden and Coombe has received communication from Messrs. Clutton, agents to the Duke of Cambridge, stating that his royal highness has been pleased to give half an acre of land in the parish as the site of a new day school.

Sir Charles Scott, the general manager of the London and South-Western Railway, has marked his accession to the honours of knighthood by generously giving 100 guineas towards founding a boy's home for the orphans of South-Western Railway men.

Further earthquake shocks occurred in Sicily on Monday, and great damage was done. The roofs of the hospital for the insane at Spadara were demolished, and there was no loss of life, and only one person—a woman—was seriously injured.

A shocking accident occurred at Calcut, near Holywell. A young man named Robert Price, son of a farmer, was riding on a horse, when his gun went off, and the charge shot into his abdomen. He died in a few hours.

Speaking at Hawick, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman referred to the question of the House of Lords, and said that the Government had resolved to make it clear, once for all, that the legislation of the people's representatives should prevail.

The carrier-pigeons of Genoa are especially safe and well trained. The trainers recently instituted races between Genoa and Florence with good results. In spite of rain and mist, the pigeons carried their messages a distance of 150 miles in 48 hours.

A Russian husband and wife have obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Bern University. The examinations took place in two neighbouring rooms, the examining professors going backwards and forwards from one to the other.

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Ireland in America might initiate a concerted movement.

Major-General Anderson died at his residence, Sunningdale, Wimbledon, on Monday. He had been much active service.

There are not more than 25 Chinese women in New York. They carefully avoid the public places.

A bright, strong kerosene light is the best substitute for daylight, as far as human eyesight is concerned.

Near Modena, in Italy, the petroleum geologists dig a hole in the ground, and it is specially filled with oil.

A musical instrument, the pyrophone, has been invented, which extracts all the tones of the scale from gas flames.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has announced his intention to call a meeting to take steps for the preservation of the trade of the port.

The first antiquarian to take an interest in the Roman catacombs was Father Bosio, who spent more than 30 years in exploring their recesses.

Mr. Henry Blake, Clerk to the City Commission of Sewers, has resigned his position, after 43 years' service, owing to ill-health.

The position is worth £1,200 a year. On the occasion of his visit to Manchester next week, Mr. A. J. Balfour will deliver three speeches to his constituents, and a non-political address to a co-operative society.

The two Italian engineers who were sent out to Africa to inquire as to the feasibility of a railway from Massawa to Kassa have reported strongly in favour of the scheme.

Influences has now for some weeks been raging again in some of the districts of Berlin, especially in the north-eastern quarter. It is of a rather severe type, and several deaths have occurred.

In Lincolnshire, of 27 new district councils of which particulars as to the first meetings are to hand, only four have elected to the position of chairman gentlemen already magistrates, and thus 23 new justices of the peace have been created.

Sir Edward Harland, M.P., speaking at a meeting in North Wales, alluded specially to the British Navy, and criticised the type of vessel mostly insisted on by the Admiralty as being too short to secure the best results as regards speed, seaworthiness, and steadiness.

At Dudley, Henry Arnold, a hawker, was charged with the wilful murder of a girl, Lovell, another woman. During a dispute on the left side of the neck, and he immediately fell dead. Committed for trial.

For permitting his premises to be used as a disorderly house, Antonio Spanna, a restaurant keeper, at Duke-street, London Bridge, was fined £20 at youth court, and his licence was suspended for three months.

The marriage of Mr. Edward Wentworth Bowyer, youngest son of the late Rev. William Henry Wentworth Bowyer, rector of Clapham, with the Hon. Georgiana Harriet Cross, eldest daughter of Viscount Cross, took place in the parish church, Brompton-in-Furness, on Tuesday afternoon.

A man employed in a bank at Vienna, on returning to his lodging in a western suburb, found the body of his housekeeper with her throat cut, lying on the bed with feathers and pillows on the top of her. The place had been robbed of 10 florins, some linen, and a pair of golden earrings.

Mr. Henry Nash, head of the firm of Henry Nash and Company, metal merchants, Liverpool, was found dead in his chair at his office. He had gone to business in apparently good health. The firm is an old and highly-respected one, and had large dealings with the United States in the export of tin plates.

A Swansea telegram states that the Upper Forest and Worcester Tin Works, Marston-on-Trent, have partially re-started operations. Work was also partially resumed at Midland Beartford and Tynand in the town of Marston, but is unrepresented in the history of the Welsh tinplate trade.

The wife of Sir James Paget has just died at her residence, 5, Park-square West, Regent's Park, in her 80th year. She was the daughter of the Rev. Henry North, domestic chaplain to the Duke of Kent, and married in 1844, Sir James Paget, surgeon in ordinary to the Queen. Sir James and Lady Paget celebrated their golden wedding last year.

The plain stocking-frame was invented about 1580 by the Rev. Mr. Lea, of Woodborough, near Nottingham. For want of an engraving, the frame is known to many as the "Lea" frame. The present design, but directly from the original, is in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Lea, who has been in London, and gave a charter under Cromwell, and frames were set up at Nottingham and Leicester.

Prince Hussein, the eldest son of Ismail Pasha, has addressed to the Khedive a petition, asking him to permit him to return to Egypt and end his days in his native land. The Khedive has written personally, in answer, that he has no objection, but that his Ministers are opposed to the prayer being granted.

Agricultural prices, options, and futures have been the subject of an address given at Ludlow by Mr. Charles Smith, of Whitneter, Herefordshire, who advocated legislation to put down speculative gambling in wheat and to prevent markets and prices from being controlled by outsiders without the knowledge or consent of farmers themselves.

A Southampton correspondent telegraphs that an explosion of a gasometer took place at the London and South-Western Railway Company's carriage works at Eastleigh. No one was injured, but considerable damage was done. The explosion was the result of a gas leak, and was caused by a gasometer being blown off, and woodwork set on fire.

At Lambeth, John Carpenter, 20, costermonger, was charged on remand before Mr. Hopkins with being concerned with others in the theft of a silver watch, and a silver chain, value £2. Mr. H. I. Sydney appeared for the defence. The particulars of the case have already been reported. Committed for trial.

The Rev. B. E. Crockett, author of "The Pocket Dictionary," is minister of the Free Kirk of Penicuik. Last Sunday he told his congregation that he was about to resign. Heaven had endowed him with gifts which he must put to use. He must not hide his light under a bushel. He had received a new "call"—and that call was, not to a richer life, but to literature. It is said that the congregation was "greatly moved."

The Earl of Wharfedale, presiding over the annual meeting of the governors of the Sheffield Savings Bank, said he could not help thinking that if the State took up the question of old age pensions on the lines of Mr. Crockett, it would seriously affect the position of savings banks, because in that case friendly societies would become even stronger competitors of savings banks than they are now.

George Dawson, Henry Green, and John Sullivan were, at Yarmouth Quarter Sessions, indicted for burglariously breaking into a clerk's shop. Prisoners, who came from the London, lodged next door to the shop, and broke into it from the back. Eight watches, 16 chains, several rings, and 30 coins were found buried on the beach. Sullivan was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, and Green 10 months, and Dawson eight months.

The jury commended the detectives who captured prisoners.

Mr. Samuel Pimlico, the friend of the sailors, is ill.

Out of every hundred lives insured in England only five are women.

Nearly all the ostrich plumes used in the world come from South Africa.

In the year 1881 the English Sepoy army in Bengal consisted of 20 men under a corporal.

The New Siberian railway traverses regions where game is so abundant that the project of establishing canneries is being considered.

Francis did not begin painting until nearly 60 years of age, and in ten years executed a long series of admirable works.

The death is announced of Mr. Post, a member of the United States House of Representatives for Illinois.

Rev. Thomas William Sandes Collier, vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Brighton, has just died, at the age of 89.

During the first nine months of 1894 the United States exported to Great Britain more than 300,000 head of beef cattle, valued at £3,800,000.

Twenty-one law firms in which husband and wife are partners and practitioners, conducting business jointly or individually, are established in the United States.

Many razors have been found in the ruins of Pompeii. They are of different shapes, some resembling knives, others being not unlike the razors of the present day.

A St. Helier's (Jersey) states that the workmen at the Graisgol Fuel Works were seriously scalded by the bursting of a steam-pipe.

Fleet-pyrmaster W. T. Fenwick, of H.M.S. Achilles, was dismissed his ship at Portsmouth for drunkenness. He also loses all seniority.

Commander-in-Chief has approved of the Royal Military Tournament of this year being held at the Agricultural Hall from May 23 to June 6 inclusive.

The death has been reported from Cape Town of Maj. C. A. Bushman, 1st Battalion Black Watch, who died there on the 3rd inst. in his 62nd year.

In 1858 an island in the Missouri river, near Leavenworth, contained 800 acres. Now it has spread until it comprises 1,400 acres. A coal mine has been found on it.

The humming bird, in protecting its young, always flies at and pecks the eyes of its enemies. In his defence he is almost totally blind from the humming bird's bill.

A serious accident occurred at the Talsam quarries, near Carnarvon, owing to the fall of a mass of rock. One man was killed, and a large number seriously injured

EUSTON-ROAD EXPLOSION.
At the St. Pancras Vestry Hall an inquiry was opened by Major Carden, representing the Board

Trade, into the circumstances connected with the explosion, which occurred at the St. Francis electric plant last month. Professor Robinson, electrical expert, and Mr. Framer, electrician, appeared on behalf of the St. Francis Vactory. Evidence was given that the explosion was caused by a short circuit. The burning stones were thrown in the air, and the covering of a manhole of one of the culverts was hurled many distances along the street. Two men complained of being injured, and were taken to the hospital. Mr. Gus Barn, chief engineer of the St. Francis Electric Lighting Station, said he was in charge of the works. The engineers of the city, who were on duty at the time, said that an accumulation of gas in the electric culverts. They frequently call the attention of the gas company to the fact that many of the culverts are full of gas. He was on the scene of the explosion about two minutes after it occurred. An

HOUSEHOLDERS AND THE REMOVAL OF SNOW.

The Commissioner of Metropolitan Police (says "Law Journal") has been beginning the metropolitan ratepayer by issuing a notice as to the obligation which he has under the Metropolitan Public Health Act, 1873, to remove snow from the paths before his houses. The notice is misleading and unnecessary, and it is suggested that an intimation that the law does not apply to that part of the pavement between the house and the street would be more useful.

under the jurisdiction of the London County Council, and as many London householders are still disposed to regard their houses as being under the jurisdiction of their householder, we feel justified in pointing out how wrong the law stands. In the metropolis there is no ordinary municipal authority, in the county of London—a household is under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police Board, which has the power to sweep the pavement before his house. Until 1893 it was so liable; but this liability was taken away by the Metropolitan Police Act of 1893, which provided clearing snow from the streets now devolves on London sanitary authorities. In the Metropolis Police District, therefore, the authority of London the same as the Police Act constitutes, but the fact that district is also subject to the Public Health Act 1875, and under Section 66 of that Act the sanitary authority has the right to enter upon premises belonging by the occupiers of premises of the adjoining fire ward and pavements; and no doubt in many parts of the street and Surveyors' by-laws exist. It is important to have different laws, but the understanding as to one district, and if the Police Act to be treated as having full force, we may find some other way of dealing with the matter. The Act of 1839 in places where the local authority

THE OBSTINATE JUROR.
At the Central Criminal Court, the coroner's from St. Bartholomew, who were bound over by coroner Mr. Langham, to appear before the coroner of London to be charged by the jury named to the circumstances of the death of James Pickering, who had been run over and killed with regard to which they had been unable to come to a decision, put in an appearance on Wednesday and were so charged. It will be recollected that dissatisfied jurymen at the inquiry expressed opinion that a verdict of manslaughter was the only one that could be obtained, and that they were, unless such a verdict were given. This led to the coroner taking the somewhat unusual course of bringing over the jury to attend at the Central Criminal Court, and to the coroner of London stating that there was not the slightest evidence of culpable negligence disclosed by the testimony adduced in support of the charge of manslaughter, and that the jury retired, and were engaged for hours in further consideration. They then returned into court, and the foreman announced that the jury still remained in disagreement. The Recorder, after further observation, ordered them to be discharged.

Baron H. De Worms, M.P., has been elected chairman of the Finsbury Parish Council.

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